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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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FOR: METHOD FOR TREATING DIABETES

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed January 17, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 to 36 and rewrite them as new claims 37 to 72 as follows:

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--37. A method for first line treatment of type 2 diabetes, in a drug naive human patient, which comprises administering to a drug naive human patient in need of treatment, as first line therapy, a low dose of a combination of metformin and glyburide.

38. The method as defined in Claim 37 wherein the daily dosage of metformin administered is less than 800 mg.

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39. The method as defined in Claim 37 wherein the low dose combination of metformin and glyburide provides at least substantially equivalent efficacy in treating diabetes in drug naive

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